

# B-RAP news

## Business RECYCLING Assistance Program

Waste Management Information for South Carolina Businesses

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## First lamp recycling event held in Aiken

**Aiken, S.C.** – The Business Recycling Assistance Program (B-RAP) held its first fluorescent bulb recycling collection event on May 14 in Aiken at The Home Depot.

During the free three-hour collection event, more than 800 fluorescent and other mercury-containing light bulbs were collected from residents and small businesses.

“We helped raise awareness among residents and business owners that simply throwing old fluorescent light bulbs in the trash isn’t such a good idea,” said Karen Owens, organizer of the event and B-RAP manager. “We thank the City of Aiken for its leadership in helping promote this positive recycling message to its citizens.”

Working with city and county recycling officials, signs promoting the collection event were posted throughout the Aiken area recycling convenience

centers, ads were placed in the local newspaper and The Home Depot staff advertised the event in its Whiskey Road store. Participants drove through the store’s parking lot, had the bulbs collected from their vehicles and received information explaining the environmental benefits of recycling fluorescent bulbs.

The event was made possible through a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to promote the proper management of mercury-containing bulbs through recycling. One of the state’s two lamp recycling processors, Cleanlites Recycling, Inc. of Spartanburg, provided the collection and processing services for the event.

To learn more about recycling fluorescent bulbs and other mercury-containing lighting, contact Owens at **(803) 737-0239** or [kowens@sccommerce.com](mailto:kowens@sccommerce.com). Also visit [www.scdhec.gov/brap](http://www.scdhec.gov/brap) for more information.



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